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GENEVA TALKS START, PACIFISTS FAST

As scientific delegates of East and West began secret talks in Geneva, itzerland, on the technical aspects of detecting nuclear tests, eight European cifists, began a fifteen-day fast. The peace group, led by Lanza del Vasto, thor of *Pelerinage aux Sources* and founder of the religious community de l'Arche, ched tents near the UN European headquarters, where the conference was being d. The avowed purpose of the fast s to "awaken the people to the im- tance of the East-West conference" a step toward banning bomb tests.

Chances of success for the talks, ich began July 1, seemed both good l bad -- good, in that the preliminary hnical talks appeared to be earnest l without recriminations; bad, in that climate of political feeling in which y are being conducted does not augur ll for a climb to the political sum- at which real agreement must be de. An early optimism based on the tial smoothness of discussions be- een scientists might well prove un- rranted when the diplomats take over.

No Grounds for Complacency

If miraculously the Geneva talks re- ted in an East-West agreement it uld reverse a trend recently punc- ted by such events as these:

The landslide victory of the Ade- uer party in the Nordrhein-Westphalen te election in Germany on July 7. e main issue of the campaign was Social Democrats' opposition to clear arms for Germany.

The impending prospect that the nate Subcommittee on Disarmament, ted to die on July 31, will not be placed or continued, although public pport could change this if enough ople write to their Senators.

Continuation of U.S. nuclear tests. cording to Australian scientist E.L. acon, the sixth blast in the current ies at Eniwetok set up an atmospheric disturbance like that of the 1908 meteor that devastated a wide area in Siberia. Shock waves were the biggest yet recorded.

PPU, Others Protest Nagy Killing

Protests echoed in the aftermath of the execution last month of Imre Nagy and his associates. In England, the Peace Pledge Union termed it "a violation of essential human rights. It can only increase international tension... and jeopardize peace."

Other reactions: "sickening" (I. F. Stone's Weekly); *"shocking and appalling"* (National Guardian); *"an act of barbarism"* (The Nation).

AFL-CIO President George Meany saw the opening of a "new wave of terror" and pictured summit conference plans as reminiscent of Munich.

Most editorialists, however, did not reach for their guns. A significant example was Christianity and Crisis, *which called the killing "wicked, cruel and stupid," but went on to say that it "does not erase the many changes that have come in Russia in recent years."*

We hope C&C's *rare optimism is vindicated by a continuing broad trend of "liberalization" behind the Iron Curtain, but it would be a mistake for the West to continue in its policy of disclaiming responsibility. The hope of peace ultimately lies neither in appeasement nor in deterrence, but in the power of a repentant faith to redeem the enemy -- and ourselves.*

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Canaveral Vigil Ends

The two-week FOR Vigil at Canaveral ended on July 7. Public response to the project was generally good and press coverage, although spotty, brought the group's message before a wide audience. Example: a front-page photo in the Chicago *Daily Defender*, which also went to other newspapers throughout the country via the UPI news syndicate. The photo showed New England FOR Secretary Robert Gussner holding "Vigil at Canaveral" placard and leading demonstrators on June 23, first day of the Vigil.

The participants came mostly from out of state. Although the daily total varied slightly, a minimum of ten people were active each day for the whole Vigil. Among those who came and went were FOR Advisory Council member Homer A. Jack, who told a worship gathering about his recent visit with Albert Schweitzer and tried unsuccessfully to get an interview with the chaplain of the missile base. Another was Misti Smith, addressing machine operator at the FOR National Office.

Local attendance at Vigil meetings was slight, but many people accepted leaflets and other literature, and the local Community Church minister, Richard Stein, put Vigil leaflets in his literature rack. Robert Gussner preached at the Unitarian Church in nearby Orlando and Charles Walker, Middle Atlantic FOR Secretary, led a peace discussion at the Methodist Church in Winter Park.

Climax of the project was a round-the-clock vigil of ministers on July 4. The ministers walked in silence from midnight to midnight and issued a "Declaration of Interdependence," proclaiming that "we the people declare peace and pledge ourselves, come what may, to preserve and perfect that unity which God which decrees for us a common destiny."

Although the Vigil encountered a few "go back to Russia" jeers, most of the response ranged from courteous to cordial, even among those who expressed disagreement. Local press coverage was full and often favorable; the Jacksonville *Florida Times-Union* editorialized sympathetically, and radio station WMMB broadcast a half-hour talk by Charles Walker.

Phoenix Halted in Nuclear Test Zone

On July 1, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter stopped the 50-ft. ketch, *Phoenix of Hiroshima*, 65 miles inside the forbidden nuclear test zone in the Enewetok area. Coast Guardsmen boarded the ship and arrested skipper Earle Reynolds, who had ignored two Coast Guard warnings to stay clear of the danger zone. Reynolds was making the voyage as a protest against the tests.

After a three-day escorted voyage to Kwajalein atoll, Reynolds was flown to Honolulu and placed in the custody of the U.S. Attorney there. He faces a possible 2-year jail sentence.

Golden Rule Sold

Late last month, the five jailed members of the *Golden Rule* announced termination of their protest against the U.S. nuclear tests in the Pacific. Since it was "impossible for us to sail again before the end of the present tests," they said in a statement, "we must regretfully announce that we have proceeded as far as possible and have been stopped." The crewmen also reaffirmed their support of Dr. Reynolds' voyage aboard the *Phoenix*.

On June 28, the famous protest ship was sold to an undisclosed buyer. The asking price was $16,000, but the price actually paid was not divulged. The money will be used to pay costs of the project.

igious Groups Ask H-Test Ban

At its annual convention in Chicago June 30, the Central Conference of erican Rabbis called for immediate ing of U.S. nuclear weapons tests a step toward "the goal of total armament."

The Conference, representing more n 700 rabbis of Reform Judaism, o declared that the United States ust go beyond the sterile policies cold war, containment and balance error to the building of international t and confidence," and called for e economic foreign aid in place of itary aid.

On the same day in Lafayette, In- na, the national meeting of United sbyterian Women adopted a Charter Christian Action, in which proposals e advanced for government action to continue testing and stockpiling of lear weapons for the sake of the ocial and spiritual well-being of peo- in the United States."

The charter, adopted unanimously er 18 months of study by women in 00 churches, also called for gestures friendship with Christian women in ıntries under Communist rule.

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urt Nixes Passport Queries, . Oath, NAACP Fine

In a 5-to-4 decision, the U.S. Su- me Court ruled last month that citi- ıs cannot be denied passports "be- ıse of their beliefs or associations," s opening the right to travel to per- ıs who have refused to give the ght" answers to questions on the sport application concerning Com- nism (see "Three Questions and a nscience," *Fellowship*, December 57).

In another decision on June 30, the urt voided, 7-to-1, a California law ıying tax exemption to veterans and ırches who failed to swear that they not advocate the violent overthrow the government. Among the clergy- n affected by this ruling was FOR tional Council member Robert Moon, stor of the First Methodist Church of ı Leandro.

The Court also set aside unanimously a $100,000 contempt fine imposed on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for refusing to turn membership files over to Alabama authorities.

Supreme Court to Review Uphaus Case

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments this fall in the case of Dr. Willard Uphaus. Uphaus, an FOR member, refused in 1954 to give the Attorney-General of New Hampshire the list of guests who have vacationed at World Fellowship Center, a resort near Conway, N.H., which Uphaus operates.

The case is the result of an investigation of subversive activities by the State Legislature. Uphaus answered all questions about himself, but refused, on grounds of conscience, to turn over the names of others. He was then tried and convicted of contempt and sentenced to jail until such time as he "purged" himself of contempt by turning over the names. Uphaus has contended that this is, in effect, a sentence of life imprisonment, since he is adamant in his refusal.

Many FOR members disagree with Uphaus' views, which led him to support the Communist-dominated World Peace Congress, but this should not deter them from recognizing and defending his constitutional liberties. A member of the FOR Advisory Council, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, has recently issued an appeal for funds to pay legal expenses in the case. Dr. Crane's address is 671 Edison Ave., Detroit 2, Mich.

TV Hour to Hit Death Penalty

In August, Los Angeles CBS-TV station KNXT will feature a documentary on capital punishment. Five minutes of the hour-long program will be devoted to a summary of arguments defending the death penalty, and another five to arguments for its abolition. The "anti-" presentation will carry with it the editorial weight of the station itself. Tentative title of the program is "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Shadowcliff A-V Workshop Under Way

On July 7, the FOR's 18-day Audio-Visual Workshop got under way. Using a professional sound studio designed and equipped by Delayne Hudspeth, director of the workshop, a group of ten FOR members began work on a project that will result in two filmstrips and eight or more radio tapes.

One of the filmstrips is based on Richard Gregg's book, *The Power of Nonviolence,* with artwork by Prof. William Schuhle of Manchester (Ind.) College. The other will consist of a series of photographs on the work of the FOR National Office. An accompanying tape-recorded narrative is being prepared for each strip.

In the radio tape department, the husband-and-wife team of Mike and Ruth Wolverton are writing a series of six 15-minute scripts based on episodes in Alfred Hassler's book, *Diary of a Self-made Convict.* The dramatization will be read by a group of actors and the tapes made available to radio stations.

The recordings will be made in the FOR's own studio, the product of some 220 hours of volunteer labor supplied by Delayne Hudspeth and FOR bookkeeper Susan Whealdon. Photos will be developed and printed in the FOR's own professional darkroom, likewise a Hudspeth-Whealdon product. The sound studio includes a library of ten sound-effects disks to give added realism the tape productions.

Among other participants in the A Workshop are Skip Landt, chief ra announcer of Ohio Wesleyan Universi Henri Dickerson, Betye Boyd, Sarv Reja, Larry Swift and ministers Mars all Strickland and Richard A. Chartie

High Schol Action-Workshop Slated

At the conclusion of the A-V Wo shop on Friday, July 25, another gro will move in for a weekend Actio Workshop. As *Peace Information Edit* went to press, sixteen high school s dents had already registered. A capa ity of 35 is expected; those interest should contact FOR Field Secreta Glenn E. Smiley without delay.

Leaders of the Action-Workshop w be Deborah J. Stratton, dorm mother Wilmington College Girls' Dormito Glenn Smiley and Sarwar Reja, a Mus pacifist from Pakistan who is teachi high school studies in this country.

The group will discuss such que tions as the unity of humanity, the ato ic bomb and the sources of world pow as well as current youth projects su as the walks for peace and the pray vigils.

Two high school girls, Nancy Emmo and Charry Horton of Barnesville (Oh Friends Boarding school, are curren staying at Shadowcliff for a month volunteer work.

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